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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Friday, the 18th July, 1980. Ashada, 27 1902. S.E

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Nine of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER (SRI P. VENKATARAMANA) in the Chair]

STARRED QUESTIONS
(to which oral answers were given)

**Sanction of Purses seine-Boats for Fishermen in South
Kanara District.**

217. SRI A. G. KODAGI (Baindur).—Will the Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has to come to the notice of the Government that the poor fishermen are experiencing much difficulties on account of undue delay caused in getting sanction of Purse Seine-Boats in South Kanara District ;

(b) the reasons for the delay ; when the Government will accord sanction to these boats ?

SRI D.B. PAWAR (Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports).—

(a) There is no unnecessary delay. There are no such difficulties since the traditional Fisherman are using their Traditional nets even now.

(b) Sufficient time was consumed to consider the correctness of informations furnished by the applicants i.e., Rampani and Pattable Units requesting for sanction of Purse Seine-Boats. Besides this, Rampani Units delayed in making the deposit of Rs. 30,000 towards the capital. Sanction has been accorded to provide Financial Assistance to 5 units of South Kanara District for the purchase of Purse-Seine-Boats.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ಕೊಡಗಿ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಅಕಾರಣ ವಿಳಂಬವಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ; ಪಾರ್ಸಿನ್ ಬೋಟಿಂಗಿಗಾಗಿ ರಂಪಣಿ ಘಟಕಗಳಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವಾಗ ಬಂದಿವೆ ? ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಪಟ್ಟಬಲಿ ಘಟಕಗಳಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವಾಗ ಬಂದಿವೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುವರೆ ?

SRI D. B. PAWAR.—Sir, the amount first released was in the month of March and we placed orders in the month of June i.e., within three months. As the amount was not released earlier, the boats could not be released earlier.

SRI A. G. KODAGI.—Sir, the Hon. Minister has not answered my question. My question is very specific. What is the number of applications received from South Kanara District for Rampani and Pattable Units and which is the last date for receipt of applications? Another point is that there is not only delay but there is hardship caused to the fishermen.

SRI D. B. PAWAR.—The total number of applications received is 28, for Rampani units 18 and Pattable Units 10. The last date for receipt of applications was first week of January.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Sir, there is a delay of six months in allotting the units to the fishermen. These fishermen are using their traditional nets even now. This shows that the Government is not keen to better their lots. May I know why only five persons have been sanctioned these units as against 28 applications ?

SRI D. B. PAWAR.—We could not satisfy all of them as we did not have enough money.

SRI A. G. KODAGI.—All these 28 people were asked to deposit Rs. 30,000 each, in the month of January, but only five persons were given Rampani Units and the rest of the applications were rejected. Will the Hon'ble Minister accept that these poor fishermen are put to hardship on account of inordinate delay in according sanction ?

SRI D. B. PAWAR.—These fishermen were asked to deposit money in the banks and they are entitled for interest from banks. So it cannot be said that there is inordinate delay.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Applications were called for and these fishermen deposited Rs. 30,000 each, along with their applications. After a lapse of six months only five applicants were given the units and the rest of the applications were rejected. Is it not a gross harassment to these poor fishermen who had deposited Rs. 30,000?

SRI D. B. PAWAR.—This does not amount to harassment. After all the money had been deposited in the Bank and they are entitled to interest from the Banks.

SRI A. G. KODAGI.—Sir, it is not the question of earning interest from banks. It is not easy for the fishermen to collect Rs. 30,000 and deposit. The bank may give only 6% interest. Where was the necessity for the Government to ask these poor fishermen to deposit the money in advance and then reject their applications? Will it not cause hardship to the poor fishermen?

MR. SPEAKER.—That is the pattern at present. The Hon'ble Member may request the Government to relax the pattern.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I think the Hon'ble Finance Minister knows that Japanese come to this area to take away a particular type of fish. Our natural wealth is being exploited by others. I request the Hon'ble Finance Minister to look into this with more seriousness.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister for Finance and Planning).—Of course, there were number of applications and only five units have been sanctioned. The Government is anxious to see that all these persons are effectively covered. Of course, in this case the Hon'ble Member has cited the example of Japanese people coming over to our shores for fishing. Our intention is to see that our fishermen also take interest in deep sea fishing and we will consider how best we can make use of these fishermen.

SRI A. G. KODAGI.—Will the Government assure atleast now that all those persons who have deposited money will be given Pattable Units?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—This depends upon the financial and other constraints. Our desire is to see that they are also covered and we will try to see that these people are given Pattable Units as soon as possible depending upon the constraints which are before us.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Will the Government consider financing these people through nationalised banks for the seed money on hire purchase system and come to their rescue?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—We will definitely approach the banking institution and if money is available we will take up this programme.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ೪೫೩ (೩೦೬) ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಶಿವನಂಜಪ್ಪ, ಹೆಲ್ಡ್ ಓವರ್

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.—Sir, may I know why the Question No. 453 (316) to be answered by Sri Dharma Singh, Minister for Housing & Urban Development is held over.

MR. SPEAKER.—He has taken leave of absence

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.—My submission is when the House is in Session how the Ministers are permitted to take leave of absence,

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—Sir, the Union Minister for Housing Sri P. C. Sethi is in Bangalore in connection with a meeting with the State Government. There is a meeting in the Committee Room which commenced at 8-30 A.M. to day. I was also present. I came down to attend the Session. Sri Dharma Singh, Minister for Housing and Urban Development and our Chief Minister are attending the meeting. This meeting is arranged to take up our earlier schemes. Because we have not received financial assistance from HUDCO to complete our earlier schemes. So, this concerns State finance and the State Government is interested to take up this scheme at least this year. Therefore, in the interest of the State the Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development is attending the meeting to sort out matters with the Officers of the HUDCO Scheme and also the Union Minister. I think the meeting will be over within half an hour.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.—Then let us adjourn the House. Let us not have the Session of the Assembly during the period when the Ministers are on some other duty—it may be on official duty.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—The meeting was fixed long back. I think we cannot be so much uncharitable.....

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.—The point is, this is not the first time. This House on several occasions had to deal with the absence of the Ministers. Some Ministers go on leave to visit their constituencies though they are aware of the Assembly Session. Therefore, my submission is we have got to go by certain well established and well understood Principles.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನಾನೇ ಅನೇಕ ಸಾರಿ ಪುಲ್‌ಆಪ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಸೇಥಿಯವರು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರು ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನಾಳೆ ದಿವಸ ಅವರಿಂದ ನಾವೇನಾದರೂ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆನ್ಸ್ ಪಡೆಯಲೇ ಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈಗ ಆ ವಿಷಯ ಎತ್ತುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. ಇದು ಅಂಥಾ ದೊಡ್ಡ ವಿಷಯವೇನೂ ಅಲ್ಲ.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Sir, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance was telling that the Minister is attending a meeting in connection with HUDCO scheme and to get financial assistance from them. If that is so, the Minister could have requested some other Ministers to answer the question.

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—Sir let me make it very clear. The meeting was fixed long back and it was not anticipated that there will be morning session to-day. To-day we are having morning session due to some exigence. After all the Minister for Housing is not attending public function. He is in a meeting with the Officers to sort out the problems arising out of the HUDCO Scheme and other Housing Programmes.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK. - Sir, the Hon'ble Finance Minister has stated that the meeting with Sri P. C. Sethi' Union Minister for Housing has been fixed long back. If that is so the minister for Housing and Urban Development Sri Dharma Singh should have requested the Speaker not to include the questions relating to his department.

MR SPEAKER.—Let us take up the next question.

Road from Alipur to Achola,

578 SRI MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE (Gurmitkal).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state,—

(a) whether it is a fact that Alipur to Achola Road was sanctioned and work was started during the year 1979-80,

(b) whether it is a fact that Achola Arkeri and some other village people are facing hardships without road,

(c) the reasons to stop the bridge and road works in Yadgir Taluk which is most backward in communications and buildings.

(d) what steps the Government is going to take to improve the roads and bridges in Yadgir Taluk?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister for Finance and Planning) [on behalf of SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister)].—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) One road work and three bridge works in Yadgir Taluk were included in the programme of works consisting of 255 road and bridge works which was approved in the Government Order No PWD 219 CRM 79 dated 3-12-79 for Rs. 664 lakhs. But the works which were taken up for execution under this programme were stopped with effect from 20th January 1980 as per the direction of Government.

(d) The revised programme of works consisting of 290 road and bridge works is approved in Government Order No. PWD 219 CRM 79 dated 3rd June 1980 for Rs 753.93 lakhs. This revised programme of works includes the works which were included in the Programme of works approved previously for Rs 664 lakhs. The works under the revised programme of works will be taken up after observing the usual formalities.